

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-16, 28 and 36 are currently pending in the subject application, and are presently under consideration. Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 12, 13, 16 and 36 have been amended. Claims 2, 17 and 37 have been canceled. Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments and comments herein.

Applicant's representative appreciates the Examiner's consideration of the claims while the claims were under appeal. Applicant's representative looks forward to a further examination of the present application in view of the present amendments to the claims.

Applicant's representative notes that all of the independent claims (claims 1, 16 and 36) recite that a client (or computer system) determines when a communication link (or network interface) is activated and deactivated and stores information related to a time-based bill based on when the communication link is activated and deactivated. None of the cited prior art teaches or suggests such a system or process. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-9, 11-6, 18-28 and 36 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

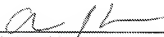
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and that the application be passed to issue.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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